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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 12, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and commemorating March 12, 2013, as the 101st
2 anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

3 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low dreamed of an organization that
4 would give each girl an opportunity to develop physically,
5 mentally and spiritually; and

6 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts helped girls emerge from isolated
7 home environments and enter into the world of community service
8 and the open air; and

9 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts hiked, camped, learned to tell time by
10 the stars and studied first aid; and

11 WHEREAS, The organization was founded March 12, 1912, in
12 Savannah, Georgia, when Juliette Gordon Low gathered 18 girls

1 together to register the first troop of American Girl Guides;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The organization's name was changed to the Girl
4 Scouts the following year; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting
6 has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals
7 of courage, confidence and character; and

8 WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing
9 girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in
10 mathematics, science, sports, technology and other fields that
11 can expand their horizons; and

12 WHEREAS, By 1920, the Girls Scouts had nearly 70,000 members
13 nationwide, including the territory of Hawaii; and

14 WHEREAS, Juliette Gordon Low encouraged girls to prepare for
15 possible future roles as professional women in the arts,
16 sciences and business and for active citizenship outside the
17 home; and

18 WHEREAS, The Girl Scout leadership experience allows girls to
19 develop the skills and learn lessons that will serve them for a
20 lifetime so that they may contribute to their communities; and

21 WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts organization welcomed girls with
22 disabilities with open arms at a time when they were often
23 excluded from many other activities; and

24 WHEREAS, From the seed planted by Juliette Gordon Low and
25 those original 18 girls, Girl Scouting has grown to an
26 organization of 3.2 million Girl Scouts, with 2.3 million girl
27 members and 880,000 adult members who work primarily as
28 volunteers; and

29 WHEREAS, Through its membership in the World Association of
30 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts in the United

1 States of America are part of a worldwide community of 10
2 million members in 145 countries; and

3 WHEREAS, The 8,984 troops across this Commonwealth are
4 comprised of 103,574 girl members and 39,352 adult volunteers;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, For over a century, participation in the Girl Scouts
7 has helped girls develop their full individual potential, relate
8 to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect,
9 develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation
10 for sound decision making and contribute to the improvement of
11 society through their abilities, leadership skills and
12 cooperation with others; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and
14 commemorate March 12, 2013, as the 101st anniversary of the
15 Girls Scouts and join with the more than 3 million current Girl
16 Scout members nationwide and the nearly 59 million former Girl
17 Scouts nationwide in proudly celebrating a century of the
18 important impact of Girl Scouts on all Pennsylvanians; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
21 Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, 330 Manor Road, Miquon, PA
22 19444; Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania, 350 Hale
23 Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17104; and Girl Scouts of Western
24 Pennsylvania, 30 Isabella Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.